

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 416

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jon Meacham on winning the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Biography.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those Tennesseans who, in chronicling the lives of this State's great historical figures, have demonstrated exceptional skill in the craft of biography, receiving international acclaim and accolades for their dedication and ability; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable Tennessee writer is *Newsweek* Editor Jon Meacham, who has recently been awarded the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Biography for his best-selling work *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*; and

WHEREAS, in the words of the Pulitzer Board, Mr. Meacham's book is "an unflinching portrait of a not always admirable democrat but a pivotal president, written with an agile prose that brings the Jackson saga to life"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the accolades his work drew from the Pulitzer Prize Board, Mr. Meacham's biography of President Jackson was also named by the *New York Times Book Review* as a Notable Book of 2008; and

WHEREAS, although history may seem to remain fixed, some stories of the past have yet to told, while others must be revisited from time to time; it is vitally important that each succeeding generation connect with the people who came before and set the stage for the present; and

WHEREAS, Jon Meacham's *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House* is a work that establishes such a connection for the present generation, and the people of Tennessee are fortunate indeed, not only to have this fine biography available to them, but also to count Mr. Meacham among their ranks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jon Meacham on winning the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Biography and extend to him our best wishes for every success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.